

*State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John Lynch, Governor*

A Proclamation

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 2008**

WHEREAS, New Hampshire women of diverse race, class and ethnic backgrounds have helped enrich our state in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire women play critical economic, social, and cultural roles through work and contributions both in and outside the home; and

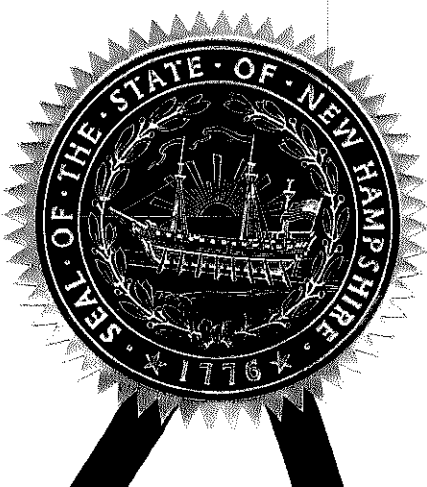
WHEREAS, New Hampshire women have provided the majority of the state's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in our state; and

WHEREAS, Women occupy important leadership positions in the government of the state, serving as Speaker of the House, Senate President and as a United States Congresswoman; and

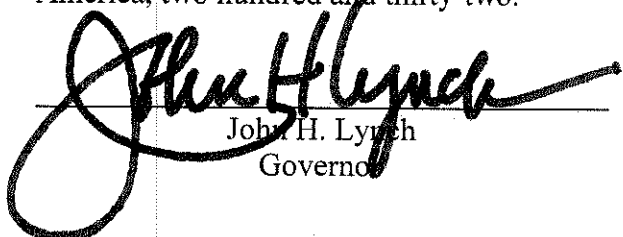
WHEREAS, We reflect on the heroism, courage and leadership of New Hampshire women, including Ann Cheney Beach, Mary Baker Eddy, Eleanor Hodgman Porter, and Christa McAuliffe, whose accomplishments have greatly added to the history of our state and our nation; and

WHEREAS, The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women was established by statute to work on behalf of the state's women and "to secure, so far as possible, appropriate recognition of women's accomplishments and contributions to the state";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the state of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MARCH 2008** as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** in New Hampshire, and urge all citizens to celebrate the role women have played in shaping our state and our nation.



Given at the Executive Council Chambers in Concord, this 5th day of February, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eight, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-two.


John H. Lynch
Governor